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Warn Of U.S., Soviet Sub Gap

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Stephen Young (D-Ohio), warned Tuesday Americans not only have to worry about a missile gap but an equally dangerous submarine gap between the United States and Russia.

The Ohio senator, in his weekly newsletter, said Russia had a fleet of 500 operational submarines and pointed out that Hitler started World War II with only 70.

Young rapped Naval officers as shortsighted for not recognizing the day of the battleship was over and that possibly the cruiser and aircraft carrier were equally obsolete.

"A strong president would do well to concentrate on closing the 'peace gap,'" Young said. "History of the past 50 years demonstrates that whenever nations have engaged in an unlimited armaments race, this has ended in a world war."

The senator said it was important that the U.S., Russia and Red China halt the armaments race by firm agreements.

Turning to domestic subjects, Young said lobbyists for the nation's letter carriers are sponsoring legislation for pay raises of from 12½ to 22 per cent.

He said if Congress should vote the pay hike, it would cost taxpayers a billion dollars annually.

He also spoke out against a bid for officials of the Central Intelligence Agency to give its employees the privilege of retiring at age 60 with full annuity.

The CIA seeks this privilege, Young said, because it claims its employees' duties are "tension-filled and hazardous."

"What employment is not tension filled?" he asked.